

# **MAJERUS FIRE SALVAGE TIMBER SALE**

September 18, 2006 Land Board

## **Location of Sale:**

- Southern Land Office (SLO) – Approximately 11 miles south of Roundup, Montana.
- Musselshell County – Section 16, T6N, R26E
- 100% Common School Trust.

## **Sale Volume & Estimated Value:**

- The estimated volume is 3,600 tons (480 MBF) of burned timber with an estimated minimum value of \$18,000.00.
- In addition to the estimated stumpage value, a fee of \$0.40/ton for Forest Improvement would be charged for all merchantable timber harvested.
- 7.30 tons/MBF is the conversion factor.

## **Sale & Harvest Treatments:**

- The sale contains three harvest units totaling 240 acres.
- The primary objective is to salvage dead and dying timber resulting from the Majerus Fire, which burned in early July, 2006. Harvest prescriptions would remove all merchantable burned timber. Non-merchantable burned areas would be avoided. This sale is 100% ponderosa pine.
- Trees with more than 50% green crown on all sides will be left as leave trees.
- No old growth would be harvested.

## **Harvest Systems:**

- 100% tractor

## **Road Construction:**

- Access to the sale is across existing roads. No new road construction is required.

## **Public Involvement & Issues:**

- No comments were received in response to scoping during the MEPA analysis of the project. DNRC specialists reviewed the project, identified issues, and provided input for the sale design and administration.

## **Issues and Mitigations:**

- **Noxious Weeds** - Heavy equipment for felling, skidding, log processing and loading activities would be washed and inspected prior to entering the sale. All disturbed areas, including roads, would be grass seeded.

**The Director recommends the Land Board direct the Department to sell the Majerus Fire Salvage Timber Sale.**